

**AGENDA ITEM 7:      Delta Watermaster Update**

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Presented by: Michael George (Delta Watermaster, State  
Water Resources Control Board)

Requested Action: **Receive report on Delta Watermaster activities**

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Background: The Office of the Delta Watermaster is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administration of water rights, enforcement activities, and reports on water right activities regarding diversions within the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta. The position was created in the 2009 Delta Reform Act. Michael George was appointed as Delta Watermaster in December 2014 and will serve a four-year term.

Mr. George last appeared before the Commission on March 17, 2016 and provided an update on the Delta agricultural consumptive use study. The Commission provided a modest amount of funding (\$20,000 in FY 2015-16 funding) to support this study.

Mr. George will provide an update on the study, the pending update of the Water Quality Control Plan, threats to in-Delta water rights based on recent court decisions, and other recent efforts of relevance to Delta water use.